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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 23 with the following claim:

23. An image processing method comprising the steps of:

providing compressed texture data in a storage device;

reading said compressed texture data from said storage device and decompressing said compressed texture data;

storing said decompressed texture data in a texture buffer; and

providing a processor, and transferring data between said texture buffer and said processor faster than transferring data between said storage device and said processor.